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Dear Resident

**Active Travel Scheme - Sandford Road, Balby**

Doncaster Council are improving sustainable transport facilities for people in Balby to provide new walking and cycling infrastructure and improved connections to green spaces, schools and employment sites. These improvements are part of a wider plan to develop a better connected and safer network of walking and cycling routes across Doncaster, offering people more choice of how they travel, and reducing reliance on vehicles.

As you will be aware, construction work on the Sandford Road active travel scheme has been underway since the summer months. This is progressing well and will soon move on to the next phase of works into the new year.

This next phase will include reducing the width of the central island between Woodfield Road and Weston Road to make room for the new cycle lane, we will also be resurfacing the carriageway along the full length of Sandford Road and upgrading the street lighting and traffic signals.

To undertake this phase of the works safely and efficiently it will require a closure of the southbound lane of Sandford Road between Sunningdale Road and Weston Road. While this road closure is in place there will be a diversion along Balby Road and Tickhill Road, and you will be required to use Weston Road for access and egress. The road closure will be in place from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 for approximately 6 to 8 weeks, however please note that as this work is weather dependent, episodes of bad weather could cause a delay.

As this phase of the works will be taking place directly in front of your property, this will mean that access will be restricted between 08:30 to 15:30 each day. We kindly ask that you use Woodfield Road, Pembroke Avenue, Byron Avenue and Wordsworth Avenue during the closure for access and egress and vehicles are not parked on the highway during the working day. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this causes. We will be aiming to speak directly to residents to provide a regular update on progress, but please do feel free to speak to any member of site staff if you have any specific needs or require further information about the scheme.

Once the work on the southbound lane has been completed and the road has re-opened, work will need to begin on the northbound lane and so road closure and diversions will be in place on this side. Advisory signage will be in place in advance of this.

Further Information regarding the scheme and the results of the consultation have been included with this letter.

We hope this correspondence is useful and answers questions that you may have, however if you require any further information, or have any specific needs or requirements, then please contact the Council using the number at the top of this letter.

Kind regards

Neil Firth  
Head of Service Major Projects and Investment

## **Infrastructure improvements in Balby**

The scheme in Balby is being delivered with £3 million ring-fenced funding from the Department for Transport via the Transforming Cities Fund. The scheme will provide new walking and cycling infrastructure along Sandford Road, between the Woodfield Greenway, Tickhill Hospital and Balby Road. Throughout these areas there will be carriageway surfacing improvements, upgrades to signalised crossings and street lighting and installation of cycle parking provision along this corridor. Construction is being done in stages to minimise the level of disruption as much as possible. The next phase will begin on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 and take approximately six to eight weeks to complete.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How were residents and businesses consulted about the scheme?**

Prior to the scheme being approved a four-week programme of consultation was conducted in which 76% of participants gave their support. The consultation aimed to inform residents and businesses located in the vicinity of the proposed scheme and invite them to participate in a variety of consultation opportunities where they could submit comments and feedback.

- Letters were sent by post to 3,000 homes and businesses providing information on the proposals and how to provide feedback. Contact details for the transportation team were also provided so that feedback could be submitted by email or telephone also.
- Three in person drop-in sessions were held in the local area, at St Catherine's House and Yorkshire Bike Shack CIC.
- Plans were hosted on City of Doncaster Council active consultations webpage for anyone to view.
- Social media advertising was carried out on Facebook, targeted to residents of Balby.

### **Are any road closures planned and if so when?**

Road closures will be in place for the minimum time necessary to minimise disruption as much as possible. During this stage of construction, Sandford Road will be closed to southbound traffic from the junction with Sunningdale Road to the junction with Weston Road and Tickhill Road from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 for six to eight weeks (this is weather dependent and adverse weather conditions may cause delays). Construction on the northbound side of Sandford Road (from the junction with Weston Road and Tickhill Road towards Sunningdale Road) will commence once the southbound phase is complete.

### **How will this affect residents and businesses located on the proposed section of works?**

Businesses will be open as usual during the construction, with diversions in place where necessary. Residents living on Sandford Road will be contacted directly with details of any access restrictions that need to be put in place, such as during resurfacing works directly in front of their properties. This will be kept to a minimum to limit the disruption. Residents of roads adjacent to Sandford Road will need to follow the diversion signs and use an alternate route whilst the road closure is in place.

### **What about getting to work or dropping children off at school?**

Diversion routes will be in place whilst Sandford Road is closed. These will be signposted. As traffic will be diverted away from Sandford Road during the closure, surrounding roads are likely to become busier and so usual journey times may be longer. Road closures will be in place for the minimum time necessary to minimise disruption as much as possible. The roads surrounding Woodfield Primary and Astrea Academy Woodfields will be open as usual but the diversion route will be in place for Sandford Road. The schools have been informed of the road closures taking place.

### **What will be the impact on bus services?**

During the road closure, bus stops along the closed road will not be operating. Bus services will be re-routed to follow the diversion and a temporary bus stop will be in operation at the junction of Tickhill Road and Byron Road. Alternative stops along Balby Road, Tickhill Road and Weston Road will still operate.

### **What happens if vehicles are left on Sandford Road during the closure?**

Vehicles will be removed if left unattended and they are causing disruption to construction.

### **Will Emergency Service vehicles be able to access the road during the closure?**

The road closure will also apply to Emergency Services vehicles. Emergency Services are informed as part of any planned highways improvements and are involved in discussions about diversion routes.